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SUBJ: CLOSING OF COFFEE INTRODUCTION CENTER BELTSVILLE

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1. THE COLOMBIAN COFFEE FEDERATION (FEDECAFE) IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT A LETTER RECEIVED FROM HOWARD L. HYLAND, NEW CROPS RESEARCH BRANCH, ARS, INDICATING THAT FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR INTRODUCING RUST RESISTANT COFFEE VARIETIES TO THE AMERICAS VIA USDA PLANT QUARANTINE FACILITIES WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

2. IN RECENT YEARS QUARANTINE FACILITIES HAVE PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT AND MUCH APPRECIATED SERVICE IN PERMITTING AN AVENUE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF RUST RESISTANT COFFEE STRAINS INTO LATAM WITHOUT DANGER TO THE COFFEE INDUSTRIES UPON WHICH MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES DEPEND HEAVILY. THE DISCONTINUATION OF THIS SERVICE POSES SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR ONGOING RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN MANY OF THESE COUNTRIES INCLUDING COLOMBIA AND THREATENS PLANS FOR DEVELOPING TREE POPULATIONS RESISTANT TO COFFEE RUST.

3. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF THIS SITUATION ON A PRIORITY BASIS AND IF ABOVE IS TRUE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT SERVICE. THE COST (WE UNDERSTAND ABOUT \$25,000 ANNUALLY) APPEARS HERE TO BE A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THE GOOD WILL ACHIEVED AND FOR
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A MEASURE WHICH DUE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF COFFEE IN THE LATAM

ECONOMIES COULD HAVE MAJOR IMPLICATIONS FOR LATAM DEVELOPMENT.

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